के अन्तर्गत नए क्षेत्रों को शामिल किए जाने का कोई भी प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

श्री सभापति : प्रश्नों का समय समाप्त हुआ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Communal riots in the country

*141. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of communal riots in the country during the last three years, yearwise and Statewise;

(b) what is the number of persons killed and injured in these incidents, yearwise and Statewise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The required information is detailed in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 75]

(c) Material support in terms of para-military forces and equipment is provided to the State Governments as and when occasion arises or demands are made to assist them in effectively managing and controlling the riot situation on the ground. Further, the Central Government has circulated a set of guidelines to the State Governments to help them manage communal violence and restore and reinforce communal harmony. Among these are the guidelines for preventing and controlling communal violence, the guidelines for processions and for relief and rehabilitation measures.

2. Apart from above, from time to time, the National Integration Council has been deliberating on the long terms measures for strengthening secularism in our society. The report of the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council has been commended to the State Governments.

3. Lessons have been drawn from the recent riots e.g. the Meerut riots of 1987 and based upon those, a fresh set of guidelines was circulated to the State Governments on 26th February, 1988.

4. In view of the happenings in Punjab and other parts of the country, the question of prevention of missuse of religious institutions for political and illegal purposes as also in the context of separation of religion from politics, the need was felt to check this misuse immediately and accordingly the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance, 1988 was promulgated on 26th May, 1988. Subsequently, a Bill to replace this Ordinance was introduced in the Monsoon Session of Parliament which was enacted on 2nd September, 1988.

Foreign exchange reserves

*142. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of foreign exchange reserves as on the 30th June, 1989; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to further improve the balance of payments position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The foreign exchange reserve as on 30th June, 1989 stood at Rs. 6075 crores (excluding Gold & SDRs)